

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 15A is a flat detail view of the ~~liquid barrier~~^{heated} wall formed into a shell ring component of the annular evaporator of Fig. 14A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 30 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 15B is a cross-sectional view of the ~~liquid barrier~~^{heated} wall of Fig. 15A taken along line 15B-15B.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 17A is a perspective view of a ~~heated~~ ^{liquid barrier} wall formed into an annular ring of the annular evaporator of Fig. 14A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 17B is a top view of the ~~heated~~ ^{liquid barrier} wall of Fig. 17A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 17C is a cross-sectional view of the ~~heated~~ ^{liquid barrier} wall of Fig. 17B taken along line 17C-17C.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 17D is an enlarged view of a portion of the ~~heated~~liquid barrier wall of Fig. 17C.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 18A is a perspective view of a ring separating the ~~heated~~liquid barrier wall of Fig. 17A from the ~~liquid barrier~~heated wall of Fig. 15A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring also to Figs. 14A-H, an annular evaporator 1400 is shown having a liquid inlet 1455 and a vapor outlet 1460. The annular evaporator 1400 includes a heated wall 1700 (Figs. 14G, 14H, and 17A-D)(Figs. 14G, 14H, 15A, and 15B), a liquid barrier wall 1500 (Figs. 14G, 14H, 15A, and 15B)(Figs. 14G, 14H, and 17A-D), a primary wick 1600 (Figs. 14G, 14H, and 16A-D) positioned between the heated wall 1700 and the inner side of the liquid barrier wall 1500, vapor removal channels 1465 (Fig. 14H)(Figs. 14H, 15A, and 15B), and liquid flow channels 1505 (Figs. 14H and 15B)(Fig. 14H). The annular evaporator 1400 also includes a ring 1800 (Figs. 14G and 18A-D) that ensures spacing between the heated wall 1700 and the liquid barrier wall 1500 and a ring 1900 (Figs. 14G, 14H, and 19A-D) at a base of the evaporator 1400 that provides support for the liquid barrier wall 1500 and the primary wick 1600. The heated wall 1700, the liquid barrier wall 1500, the ring 1800, the ring 1900, and the wick 1600 are preferably formed of stainless steel.